

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO KOREAN WAR VETERANS

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 1995

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the numerous courageous men and women who throughout the Korean war gave of themselves on behalf of the United States of America and all freedom-loving people of the world.

On Thursday, July 27, 1995, we will dedicate the Korean War Veterans Memorial as a remembrance for all of the heroic efforts that American service men and women selflessly performed for their country.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial is more than just a symbol: it is an embodiment of the resolute courage of America's service veterans. It stands as all America's veterans have stood, dauntless in the face of jeopardy, compassionate in victory, and dedicated to the pursuit of freedom for all people throughout the world.

The men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America during the Korean war forged a special bond with one another, as have all of America's combat veterans. This bond transcends traditional boundaries and common circumstance. This bond will be evident by the community of veterans who will gather here in Washington, DC, and will pay an enduring tribute to their fellow comrades.

I would like to take this opportunity and say to the veterans of the Korean war and all wars, that we, as a nation, are thankful for your patriotic service. When your country called, you answered by serving with bravery and distinction in the face of oppression. For this, I, like every American citizen, am eternally grateful and remain in your debt.

OPENING OF A&P'S LARGEST STORE

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 1995

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. on the opening of its newest and largest store in Woodcliff Lake, NJ, on Tuesday, July 26. This is more than just another grocery store. This is a 60,000-square-foot supermarket of the future, with the latest in environmentally friendly lighting, heating, and air-conditioning. Experts tell me the store will be more energy efficient than any in the country, making it a model for the multibillion-dollar supermarket industry.

I take particular interest in the accomplishments of A&P because this giant of the food industry is headquartered in Montvale, NJ, in the heart of my congressional district.

Just as the Woodcliff Lake store is not just another grocery store, neither is A&P just another supermarket chain. With nearly 100,000 employees and stores in 23 States, it is the fifth largest supermarket chain in the Nation. In its 136-year history, it has been a true leader of the industry, pioneering many of the concepts that we take for granted today.

Entrepreneurs George Huntington Hartford and George Gilman opened the original Great American Tea Co. store in New York City—where the chain remains No. 1—in 1859. The ornately decorated store, which lured customers with state-of-the-art gaslight and brass bands on Saturday nights, was the first to offer house brands and private labels with its own brand of tea and still-famous "Eight O'Clock Coffee." The name of the store was changed to the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. in 1869 to mark the completion of the first transcontinental railroad.

A&P expanded in 1871 to Chicago, where it began the practice of giving away lithographs, crockery and other household items as premiums. By the turn of the century there were 200 stores nationwide and sales of \$85.6 million. Between 1900 and 1912, however, food prices rose 35 percent as the cost of living skyrocketed. In response, A&P introduced the "A&P Economy Store," corner grocery stores run with one employee and a capital investment of only \$3,000 each. By 1925, there were 14,000 stores and sales of \$440 million.

Other innovations followed, including "combination stores" which during the 1920's added meat to the line of other groceries at a time when meat was sold only by butchers. A&P shortly offered prepackaged, self-service cuts of meat and its "Ann Page" products. In 1924, the company became the first food retailer to sponsor a radio program, the "A&P Gypsies," and in 1937 launched Woman's Day magazine. The company opened its first supermarkets as we know them today in the 1930's. By 1936, 5,800 were in operation.

The company's success, however, was soon to become a liability. The Robinson-Patman Act of 1936 had A&P as one of its prime antitrust targets and a 1949 antitrust lawsuit forced limitations on the company faced by none other in the industry. Preoccupation with its legal difficulties, coupled with the deaths of John and George Hartford—sons of the founder—in the 1950's, led to years of decline. In 1979, controlling interest in the company was acquired by the Tengelmann Group of West Germany. The chain pared itself to 1,000 stores, closed unprofitable manufacturing plants and made other changes. The changes quickly returned the company to profitability and it has regained its stature within the American supermarket industry.

A&P is a major employer in my district and an important public convenience to my constituents and millions of others across the Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 1995

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 21, 1995, I was unavoidably absent from the House on official travel and missed five recorded votes on the agriculture appropriations bill for fiscal year 1996, H.R. 1976.

Had I been here, I would have voted: "No," on rollcall No. 550, the Zimmer amendment; "No," on rollcall No. 551, the Obey amendment; "No," on rollcall No. 552, the Kennedy amendment; "No," on rollcall No. 553, the Deutsch amendment; and "yes," on rollcall No. 554, final passage on the bill.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF POHNPEI

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 21, 1995

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, the island of Pohnpei, the capital of the federated states of Micronesia will soon celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the acceptance of the Japanese surrender, and,

Whereas, the island will hold festivities beginning on the eleventh day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five.

Whereas, the island of Pohnpei was occupied by the United States after World War II and became a United Nations Trust Territory.

RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILITARY EXCHANGE SYSTEM

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 1995

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the military exchange system. The proud manager of the modern exchange system is the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, a vital organization and a key employer in the southwest Dallas county area located in my Congressional district.

The first exchange was established in a barracks building at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. Since the issuance of General Order No. 46 on July 25, 1895, the exchange has developed as the primary source of funding for the quality of life programs that support our

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